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"TONY DRAWS A HORSE"

We've heard lots about the Agriculture Players thru the News Bulletin since its formation in April. We were amazed by "Missing in Action", the Bond a Seat Show during the Fifth War Loan Drive, we enjoyed their variety performances aboard the S. S. Potomac on the Department's Moonlight Cruise, and now we're going to split our sides laughing at "Tony Draws a Horse", the Players' first paid-admission production. Tony will entertain us on Nov. 2, 3, and 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The tickets are a buy at 85¢ per person.

For a detailed account of the show and names of the cast, including guest artists see page 3. Tickets may be obtained from Ruby Stehr in the

TYPE "O" BLOOD DONORS

A letter has been received by Secretary Wickard from R. M. Evans, Governmental Chairman of the Red Cross Blood Donor Committee, asking all persons having type "O" blood to make a special effort to donate their blood. The Washington Blood Donor Center has been asked to ship by plane each day 180 pints of type "O" whole blood direct to the European battlefronts. The Center also must maintain the regular plasma quota, including all types of blood.

This is a direct appeal to you. Your blood is needed to save a serviceman's life. Remember, if you're not physically able to donate your blood the Center will not take it.

PAYROLL-SAVINGS PLAN

We've all heard of 90 and 10 and we know that it means 90% of the personnel putting 10% of their salaries into War Bonds thru the payroll-savings plan. Do you know that the Department has 86.9% of its personnel buying Bonds with 10.3% of their salaries? This means that if 3.1% of the personnel who are not now participating in the plan will start deductions, the Department will be entitled to fly the Minute Man flag.

Patio or from any of the people listed on the flyer which we're told will appear shortly.

BANDS FANS

The music season is here and it's time for Agriculture people to come out and use their talents. Just because you run a bookkeeping machine or mix up weird chemical messes all day you needn't forego the musical career you've always wished you had the time to follow. The U.S.D.A. Orchestra offers an excellent opportunity with an exceptionally good director, Dr. Walter Bauer, to pursue your musical fancies, whether those fancies be classical, semi-classical or otherwise.

Do you play a flute, an oboe, a clarinet or a trumpet? How about dusting off your bassoon, sax, trombone, French horn, alto, tenor, or baritone horn, bells or percussion instruments? Players of these instruments are needed. We know there's interest in the orchestra by the number of responses we received to the announcement in the last issue of the Bulletin. Please call ext. 3105 and tell us what YOU can play.

MUSIC IN THE CAFETERIA

Speaking of music, we wish to report that the vote taken in the cafeterias last Wednesday showed that a large majority of the people want music in the cafeterias and a smaller majority also want news. The temporary sound installation which we used for a week was made available to us thru the cooperation of the American Amplifying Co. and the U.S.D.A. Welfare Association.

DO YOU KNOW

This is the music season in Washington. Watch bulletin boards.

CREDIT UNION

We are continuously receiving reports that many people, working everyday in the Department, still do not know that we have a Credit Union. The office is within easy reach, room 2943, near the south end of the fifth wing, 2nd floor.

If your co-worker has a financial problem, suggest the Credit Union to him. He may be one of those who still doesn't know it is here to serve him.

FOR GOOD NUTRITION

An excellent pamphlet entitled "Family Food Plans", issued by HN&HE may be obtained from the Publications Desk in the Patio. This pamphlet gives a low-cost and a moderate-cost weekly family food plan. In addition to serving as a guide for quantities of the various kinds of food to buy, it shows an adequate weekly price range for families of various sizes under the two plans. This pamphlet is worth walking to the Patio to get.

YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION

Patrons of the lunch carts in the South Bldg. are urged to put all trash into the proper receptacles. Often the appearance of the halls around the lunch carts is very untidy because someone has been thoughtless in tossing papers on the floor. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

CHORAL GUILD

The Choral Guild rehearses every Thurs. at 5:45 in the auditorium and new members are always welcome. If you're a tenor, the quartet is looking for you.

THE STORY OF THE PLAY

Tony is an eight-year-old boy who shatters a household by drawing a picture of a horse. The results are hilarious as well as disastrous. In the play there is Mrs. Smith, played by Trudy Mainelli, the housekeeper who likes to "back-fence" a bit. And there is Tim who hopes to become Tony's uncle; his only misgiving in the matter is Tony. Ed Brigham plays Tim. Clare Fleming, Tony's mother, is played by Emily Peters, whom you will remember as Vicky in "Missing in Action." Dr. Howard Fleming, a long-suffering and none-too-patient father, is played by Bill Alexander of the Stage Door Canteen. Tommie Moorman is Grace, the hastily-hired maid, a maid that must be seen to be believed. You mustn't miss Gramps, played by Del Ralph. The family has yet to decide which is the worse--Tony or his great-grandfather. Elise Parsons, Tony's youthful aunt is played by blond and very beautiful Lila Mae Hanna. Mrs. Parsons, Tony's grieved and voluble grandmother, is played by Dorothy Bourne, guest artist. Irving Bucklin, by courtesy of the USO, is Mr. Parsons, for years known only as Mrs. Parsons' husband. Mr. Bucklin is an oldtimer in the entertainment world and comes to us by way of the Concert Stage, Radio and Opera-- and Mr. Parsons is not the least of his accomplishments. Frances Joyner is Agnes, the Parsons' maid. Then there is Bob Rainesbury

AIR FORCES CARNIVAL DANCE

The Air Forces is doing things in a big way for the benefit of the Community War Fund. They are having a carnival dance in the Main Ballroom of the Shorcham on October 30, beginning at 8 p.m. There will be two dance bands, a \$250 door prize, continuous vaudeville and floor show including three acts from New York. Another enticing feature will be a country store having such rare items as cleansing tissues and favorite brands of cigarettes. If you love an evening of gay entertainment here's one all planned for you. Come and join the fun and bring your friends along.

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Stehr at the Information Desk in the Patio. Officers and Civilians, \$2.50; Enlisted Personnel, \$1.00, Ladies, \$1.00. The Army Air Forces promises there will be plenty of men, Girls!

who plays the part of the soap-box orator who has spent his life fighting for lost causes. Faiga Goldsman, who recently appeared at the Cross Roads Theatre, is the cute little barmaid who doesn't speak English. Florence Baldwin is the reporter. There is also someone else, someone of whom you are conscious thruout the play, even tho he isn't on the cast list and he doesn't speak a word the whole time. And last, but not least, there is the Director--John Eaton.

We'll see you there--Nov. 2, 3, or 4.

MEDICAL AID

Service Men's Wives, if your husband is in the 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th pay grade of any branch of the service and you are expecting a baby or your baby under one year of age is sick, free medical care including hospitalization is provided for you by the Government. Inquire D. C. Health Dept., Bu. of Maternal and Child Welfare, Municipal Bldg., 300 Indiana Ave., N. W., rm. 6035, or phone Na. 6000, ext. 2150.

STATE SOCIETIES

Oct. 28, 10 to 1, at the Shoreham, Missouri and North Carolina.

Oct. 30, 9 to 12, at the Statler, Nebraska Party, Cabaret style.

Oct. 31, 9:30 to 12:30, at the Statler, California Halloween Revel and Dance, (formal, informal, or in costume).

Nov. 4, 10 to 1, at the Shoreham, Georgia.

Nov. 7, 10 to 1, at the Wardman Park, Massachusetts.

The Illinois State Society is anxious to obtain the names of Illinoisans who are interested in meeting other Illinoisans. If you can qualify call your contact officer.

Wants Riders or Rotators

Dr. Thompson, 806 - 15th St., Alex., Va., Ext. 3617

Want Rotators

Mr. Lowenthal, 6207 Sligo Parkway, Green Meadows, Hyattsville, Md. Ext. 3097.

TRANSPORTATIONWant Rides

Dr. Mitchell, 1289 - 28th St. S, Arlington, Va. Ext. 5466

Mr. Gilbert, 804 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Md. Ex. 6100, ext. 2046

Mr. Cooper, 1301 - 15th St., N. W. Ext. 3043

Mr. Dodson, 10225 New Hamp. Ave. ext., Hillandale, Md., Ext. 4854

Helen Rosenberg, 403 Franklin Ave., Silver Spring, Md., Ext. 5400

Mrs. Cate, 8412 Queen Anne Dr., Silver Spring, Md., Ext. 2565

Mary Jones, 311 Last Howell Ave., Alexandria, Va., Ext. 4888

Miss Zukoff, 432 Taylor St., N. W., Ext. 2916

Mrs. Benzing, 1840 Mintwood Pl., N. W., Ext. 5914

Elizabeth Chewning, 2110 Florida Ave., N. W., Ext. 5360

Amy Harris, 7434 Georgia Ave., N. W., Ext. 2841

Fred A. Wondt, 22nd and Eye St., N. W., Ext. 4451

Gertrude Mainelli, 3410 - 17th St., N. W., Ext. 3301 (morning ride)

Want Riders

Mrs. Lovegrove, 308 E. Capitol St., N. E., Ext. 6186

Mr. Kingsbury, 5835 - 26th St. N., Arlington, Va., Ext. 2197

E. A. Meyer, 39th and Wisconsin, N. W., Ext. 6125

Wilma Otten, Glebe Rd. and Lee Blvd., Arlington, Va., Ext. 3101

Joe Graham, 3729 N. 6th Road, Arlington, Va., Ext. 6382